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In re Application of SZOPINSKI

Application No.

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For: APPARATUS FOR EVALUATION OF SKIN IMPEDANCE VARIATIONS

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Sir:

Pursuant to the Duty to Disclose under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, the references cited on the accompanying form PTO/SB/08A are hereby brought to the attention of the Examiner for independent evaluation. The references were cited in part in a PCT Search Report prepared on the PCT application of which the parent application formed the national phase. A copy of the PCT Search Report is enclosed, which includes a concise explanation of relevance of foreign-language documents. In addition, the references were cited in part during prosecution of the parent application to the present application, application serial No. 09/755,640, filed January 05, 2001. A copy of the Office Action citing the references is also enclosed, which includes a concise explanation of relevance of foreign-language documents.

The parent application, No. 09/755,640, is relied on for an earlier filing date under 35 U.S.C. §120. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(d), copies of the references are not believed necessary and are therefore not enclosed herewith.

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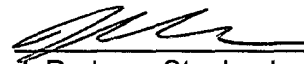
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This Statement is being filed concurrently with the filing of the present application, and this paper is thus submitted in accordance with 37 CFR §1.97(b). In view of the above certification, a fee is not required for consideration of these documents. Nevertheless, should a fee be deemed to be due by the Commissioner, such fee should be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0951.

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